

“Perfection”

Luke 23:1-5

Introduction

- I. Perfection is something that is admired and wanted for so many people.
- II. Truthfully, we will never be as perfect as Jesus, the perfect man.

Discussion

- I. Jesus is the perfect example.
 - A. Jesus showed the perfect way to handle temptations (Heb. 4:15; 1 John 2:16; Matt. 4:1-11; cf. Psm. 119:11; 1 Cor. 10:13).
 - B. Jesus showed the perfect way to handle persecution (John 19:1-4; 1 Pet. 2:21-25; cf. 1 Pet. 2:18-20; Matt. 5:10-12; Gal. 5:17).
- II. Jesus is the perfect sacrifice.
 - A. Under the Old Law, sacrifices were to as close to perfect as possible (Lev. 1:3; 4:3; 22:2; Deut. 15:21; Mal. 2:6-8; Heb. 10:4).
 - B. Jesus was what other sacrifices could not be (Heb. 9:24-28; 10:10; 2 Cor. 5:21; Heb. 4:15; 1 Pet. 2:21; cf. 1 Pet. 1:16; James 1:27; 2 Pet. 3:11).
- III. Jesus is the perfect Savior.
 - A. Jesus is the only Savior (John 14:6; 6:66-68; Acts 4:12; cf. Isa. 64:6; Acts 10:1-2).
 - B. Salvation is only in Christ (Rev. 21:27).

Conclusion

- I. We should be grateful for the perfectness of Jesus.
- II. We should do what we can to be as close to Jesus as possible (2 Tim. 3:16-17).